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KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL APRIL 27 RESTATES IN CLEAR TERMS GOI
PUBLIC POSITION ON INDIAN OCEAN. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QTE THE SUPER-POWERS SEEM DETERMINED TO BUILD UP THEIR FORCES
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN DESPITE RISING PROTESTS FROM THE REGION'S
STATES. WHILE THE AMERICANS ARE TRYING TO TURN DIEGO GARCIA
ISLAND INTO A POWERFUL US NAVAL BASE, THE RUSSIANS ARE SEEKING
SIMILAR FACILITY THERE. MOSCOW IS NOW KNOWN TO BE PREPARING
TO MOVE INTO THE SEYCHELLES ISLANDS LATER THIS YEAR WHEN BRITAIN
GRANTS INDEPENDENCE. TEHRAN, ACCORDING TO QUALIFIED
OBSERVERS, CONSIDERS SUCH RIVALRY DANGEROUS TO THE SECURITY
AND STABILITY OF THE ENTIRE REGION. THE INCREASING PRESENCE
OF OPPOSING FORCES HERE COULD LEAD TO A POLITICAL CONFRONTATION
AND THE RESTORATION OF THE COLD WAR AND GLOBAL TENSION INIMICAL
TO PEACE AND PROGRESS, THE OBSERVERS BELIEVE. IRAN HAS OFTEN
AND UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNED BIG POWER MILITARY PRESENCE HERE
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